## Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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THE "S" GROUP USA, INC.

Application for Authority to Provide Facilities-Based and Resale International Telecommunications Service in Accordance with the Provisions of Section 63.18 (e)(2) of the Commission's Rules.

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To: Chief, International Bureau

## **Application**

The "S" Group USA, Inc. ("Applicant"), pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (47 U.S.C. § 214), and Section 63.18 of the Commission's rules (47 CFR. §63.18), hereby applies for such authority as may be required to operate as a facilities-based carrier to provide international basic switched, private line, data, television, and business services to all international points permitted to be served by the Commission. In addition, the Applicant applies for such authority as may be required to resell the international services of authorized United States common carriers, including international private lines interconnected with the public switched network to the extent permitted by the Commission's rules, for the provision of international basic switched, private line, data, television, and business services to all international points.

Grant of this application will serve the public interest, convenience and necessity by promoting competition in the international services market. Competition will benefit U.S. consumers by increasing service options and lowering prices. Thus, the public interest will be served by the grant of Section 214 authority to the Applicant.

Pursuant to Section 63.18 of the Commission's rules (47 CFR §63.18), the following information is submitted in support of this application:

(a) The name, address and telephone number of the Applicant is:

The "S" Group USA, Inc. c/o Rosario Duncan 1320 S. Dixie Highway, 6th Floor Coral Gables, FL 33146 Telephone: (305) 668-5100

Facsimile: (305) 668-5105

- (b) The Applicant is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Florida, United States of America.
  - (c) Correspondence concerning this application should be addressed to:

Patricia Menendez-Cambo, Esq. Greenberg Traurig 1221 Brickell Avenue Miami, FL 33131 Telephone: (305) 579-0766

Facsimile: (305) 961-5766

- (d) Applicant has not been previously issued authority under Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to resell service of other common carriers to provide switched services from the United States to international points.
- (e) The Applicant is herein requesting authority under Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to operate as a facilities-based international carrier pursuant to the terms and conditions of Sections 63.18(e)(1), 63.21, and 63.22 of the Commission's rules, as well as any and all other rules and regulations of the Commission applicable thereto. In addition, the Applicant is herein requesting authority to resell the international services of authorized United States common carriers, including international private lines interconnected with the public switched network to the extent permitted by the

Commission's rules, for the provision of international basic switched, private line, data, television, and business services to all international points pursuant to Sections 63.18(e), 63.21, and 63.23 of the Commission's rules, as well as any and all other rules and regulations of the Commission applicable thereto.

- (f) At this time, the Applicant seeks no other authority available under Section 63.18(e) of the Commission's rules (47 CFR §63.18(e)).
- (g) The Applicant is seeking facilities-based and resale authority under Section 63.18(e) of the Commission's rules (47 CFR §63.18(e)) to provide international services to all international points. The grant of this application will not constitute an action that has a significant environmental effect as defined in Section 1.1307 of the Commission's rules (47 CFR §1.1307). Accordingly, this action is categorically excluded from environmental processing under Section 1.1306 of the Commission's rules (47 CFR §1.1306) and the environmental assessment in Section 1.1311 of the Commission's rules (47 CFR §1.1311) need not be submitted with this application.
- (h) The Applicant has no affiliation with any United States carriers whose facilities it proposes to resell, and there are no interlocking directors. Any additional information requested by Section 63.18(h) of the Commission's rules (47 CFR §63.18(h)) is provided in Attachment A to this application.
- (i) The Applicant certifies that it is not a foreign carrier, nor is it affiliated with any foreign carriers.
- (j) The Applicant certifies that it does not seek to provide international telecommunications services to any destination country in which the Applicant is a foreign carrier, the Applicant controls a foreign carrier, any entity that owns more than 25 percent of the

Applicant or that controls the Applicant, controls a foreign carrier, or two or more foreign carriers (or parties that control foreign carriers) own, in the aggregate, more than 25 percent of the Applicant and are parties to, or beneficiaries of, a contractual relation affecting the provision or marketing of international telecommunications services in the United States.

- (k) The Applicant certifies that there are no destination countries listed in section (j) above.
- (l) The Applicant certifies that it is not a foreign carrier, nor is it affiliated with any foreign carrier.
- (m) The Applicant certifies that it is not a foreign carrier, nor is it affiliated with any foreign carrier.
- (n) The Applicant certifies that it has not agreed and will not agree in the future to accept any direct or indirect special concessions from any foreign carrier with respect to any United States international route where any such foreign carrier possesses market power on the foreign end of the route.
- (o) The Applicant certifies, pursuant to Sections 1.2001 through 1.2003 of the Commission's rules (47 C.F.R. §§ 1.2001-1.2003), that no party to this application is subject to a denial of Federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 (21 U.S.C. § 853a).
- (p) The Applicant desires streamlined processing of this application pursuant to Section 63.12 of the Commission's rules. The Applicant is eligible for such streamlined processing because none of the exceptions which would disqualify the Applicant from eligibility as set forth in Section 63.12(c) of the Commission's rules are applicable.

In conclusion, the Applicant certifies that all of the information in this application is

complete and correct. In view of the information contained herein, the Applicant respectfully

submits that it is legally, technically, and financially qualified to provide global international

facilities-based services, and international resale services and that grant of this application will

serve the present and future public interest, convenience and necessity. Accordingly, the

Applicant requests that the Commission act expeditiously and favorably on this application.

Respectfully submitted,

THE "S" GROUP USA, INC.

By: /s/ Alvaro Sacasa

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Title: President

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Its Counsel

Dated: August \_\_\_\_\_, 2002